Amendments to the Specification

Please **amend** the specification as shown:

Please **delete** the paragraph on page 1 entitled "Related Applications" and **replace** it with the following paragraph.

Related Applications

This application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application Number PCT/US98/24210, filed November 13, 1998, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/065,442, filed November 14, 1997, the [contents] disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

On page 1, after the paragraph entitled "Related Applications" please **insert** the following paragraph:

Incorporation of Sequence Listing

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing and a computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence listing on diskette, containing the file named 18528.016.SeqList.txt, which is 51,032 bytes in size (measured in MS-DOS), and which was recorded on September 22, 2004, are herein incorporated by reference.

Please **delete** the paragraphs beginning on top of page 5 following the paragraph ending in "and lowering plasma glucose levels," and ending at the bottom of page 6, and **replace** them with the following paragraphs:

According to the present invention, provided are compounds of the formula (I) [SEQ. ID. NO. 4]:

$Xaa_1\ Xaa_2\ Xaa_3\ Gly\ Xaa_5\ Xaa_6\ Xaa_7\ Xaa_8\ Xaa_9\ Xaa_{10}$

$Xaa_{11}\ Xaa_{12}\ Xaa_{13}\ Xaa_{14}\ Xaa_{15}\ Xaa_{16}\ Xaa_{17}\ Ala\ Xaa_{19}\ Xaa_{20}$

Xaa_{21} Xaa_{22} Xaa_{23} Xaa_{24} Xaa_{25} Xaa_{26} Xaa_{27} Xaa_{28}-Z_1;

wherein

Xaa_1 is His, Arg or Tyr;

Xaa_2 is Ser, Gly, Ala or Thr;

Xaa_3 is **Ala,** Asp or Glu;

Xaa_5 is Ala or Thr;

Xaa_6 is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_7 is Thr or Ser;

Xaa_8 is Ala, Ser or Thr;

Xaa_9 is Asp or Glu;

Xaa_{10} is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, pentylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{11} is Ala or Ser;

Xaa_{12} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{13} is Ala or Gln;

Xaa_{14} is Ala, Leu, Ile, pentylglycine, Val or Met;

Xaa_{15} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{16} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{17} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{19} is Ala or Val;

Xaa_{20} is Ala or Arg;

Xaa_{21} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{22} is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{23} is Ile, Val, Leu, pentylglycine, tert-butylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{24} is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa_{25} is Ala, Trp, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{26} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{27} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{28} is Ala or Asn;

Z_1 is-OH,

$-NH_2$

Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31}-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 75)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 76)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 77)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36}-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 78)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37}-Z_2 or **(SEQ ID NO: 79)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37} Xaa_{38}-Z_2; **(SEQ ID NO: 80)**

Xaa_{31}, Xaa_{36}, Xaa_{37} and Xaa_{38} are independently Pro,homoproline, 3Hyp, 4Hyp, thioproline, N-alkylglycine, N-alkylpentylglycine or N-alkylalanine; and

Z_2 is -OH or $-NH_2$;

provided that no more than three of Xaa_3, Xaa_5, Xaa_6, Xaa_8, Xaa_{10}, Xaa_{11}, Xaa_{12}, Xaa_{13}, Xaa_{14}, Xaa_{15}, Xaa_{16}, Xaa_{17}, Xaa_{19}, Xaa_{20}, Xaa_{21}, Xaa_{24}, Xaa_{25}, Xaa_{26}, Xaa_{27} and Xaa_{28} are Ala. Also within the scope of the present invention are pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of formula (I) and pharmaceutical compositions including said compounds and salts thereof.

Please **delete** the paragraphs beginning on the top of page 7 and ending at the bottom of page 10 prior to the paragraph beginning with "Preferred exendin agonist compounds of formula (II) include those wherein," and **replace** them with the following paragraphs:

Also within the scope of the present invention are narrower genera of compounds having peptides of various lengths, for example genera of compounds which do not include peptides having a length of 28, 29 or 30 amino acid residues, respectively. Additionally, the present invention includes narrower genera of compounds having particular amino acid sequences, for example, compounds of the formula (I-**A**) [SEQ. ID. NO. **[[4]] 87**]:

$Xaa_1\ Xaa_2\ Xaa_3\ Gly\ Xaa_5\ Xaa_6\ Xaa_7\ Xaa_8\ Xaa_9\ Xaa_{10}$

$Xaa_{11}\ Xaa_{12}\ Xaa_{13}\ Xaa_{14}\ Xaa_{15}\ Xaa_{16}\ Xaa_{17}\ Ala\ Xaa_{19}$

$Xaa_{20}\ Xaa_{21}\ Xaa_{22}\ Xaa_{23}\ Xaa_{24}\ Xaa_{25}\ Xaa_{26}\ Xaa_{27}\ Xaa_{28}\text{-}Z_1$;

wherein:

Xaa_1 is His or Arg;

Xaa_2 is Gly or Ala;

Xaa_3 is **Ala,** Asp or Glu;

Xaa_5 is Ala or Thr;

Xaa_6 is Ala, Phe or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_7 is Thr or Ser;

Xaa_8 is Ala, Ser or Thr;

Xaa_9 is Asp or Glu;

Xaa_{10} is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine;

Xaa_{11} is Ala or Ser;

Xaa_{12} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{13} is Ala or Gln;

Xaa_{14} is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine;

Xaa_{15} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{16} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{17} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{19} is Ala or Val;

Xaa_{20} is Ala or Arg;

Xaa_{21} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{22} is Phe or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{23} is Ile, Val or tert-butylglycine;

Xaa_{24} is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa_{25} is Ala, Trp, or Phe;

Xaa_{26} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{27} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{28} is Ala or Asn;

Z_1 is -OH,

$-NH_2$,

Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly -Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31}-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 81)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 82)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 83)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36}-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 84)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37}-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 85)** or

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37} Xaa_{38}-Z_2; **(SEQ ID NO: 86)**

Xaa_{31}, Xaa_{36}, Xaa_{37} and Xaa_{38} are independently selected from the group consisting of Pro, homoproline, thioproline and N-methylylalanine; and

Z_2 is -OH or $-NH_2$;

provided that no more than three of Xaa_3, Xaa_5, Xaa_6, Xaa_8, Xaa_{10}, Xaa_{11}, Xaa_{12}, Xaa_{13}, Xaa_{14}, Xaa_{15}, Xaa_{16}, Xaa_{17}, Xaa_{19}, Xaa_{20}, Xaa_{21}, Xaa_{24}, Xaa_{25}, Xaa_{26}, Xaa_{27} and Xaa_{28} are Ala; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Also provided are compounds of the formula (II) [SEQ. ID. NO. 66]:

Xaa_1 Xaa_2 Xaa_3 Gly Xaa_5 Xaa_6 Xaa_7 Xaa_8 Xaa_9 Xaa_{10}

Xaa_{11} Xaa_{12} Xaa_{13} Xaa_{14} Xaa_{15} Xaa_{16} Xaa_{17} Ala Xaa_{19} Xaa_{20}

Xaa_{21} Xaa_{22} Xaa_{23} Xaa_{24} Xaa_{25} Xaa_{26} X_1 -Z_1;

wherein

Xaa_1 is His, Arg or Tyr or 4-imidazopropionyl;

Xaa_2 is Ser, Gly, Ala or Thr;

Xaa_3 is **Ala,** Asp or Glu;

Xaa_5 is Ala or Thr;

Xaa_6 is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_7 is Thr or Ser;

Xaa_8 is Ala, Ser or Thr;

Xaa_9 is Asp or Glu;

Xaa_{10} is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, pentylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{11} is Ala or Ser;

Xaa_{12} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{13} is Ala or Gln;

Xaa_{14} is Ala, Leu, Ile, pentylglycine, Val or Met;

Xaa_{15} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{16} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{17} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{19} is Ala or Val;

Xaa_{20} is Ala or Arg;

Xaa_{21} is Ala, Leu or Lys-NH^{ε}-R where R is Lys, Arg, C_1-C_{10} straight chain or branched alkanoyl or cycloalkylalkanoyl;

Xaa_{22} is Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{23} is Ile, Val, Leu, pentylglycine, tert-butylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{24} is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa_{25} is Ala, Trp, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{26} is Ala or Leu;

X_1 is Lys Asn, Asn Lys, Lys-NH^{ε}-R Asn, Asn Lys-NH^{ε}-R, Lys-NH^{ε}-R Ala, Ala Lys-NH^{ε}-R where R is Lys, Arg, C_1-C_{10} straight chain or branched alkanoyl or cycloalkylalkanoyl

Z_1 is -OH,

-NH_2,

Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31}-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 75)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 76)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 77)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36}-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 78)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37}-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 79)** or

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37} Xaa_{38}-Z_2; **(SEQ ID NO: 80)**

Xaa_{31}, Xaa_{36}, Xaa_{37} and Xaa_{38} are independently selected from the group consisting of Pro, homoproline, 3Hyp, 4Hyp, thioproline, N-alkylglycine, N-alkylpentylglycine and N-alkylalanine; and

Z_2 is -OH or -NH_2;

provided that no more than three of Xaa_3, Xaa_5, Xaa_6, Xaa_8, Xaa_{10}, Xaa_{11}, Xaa_{12}, Xaa_{13}, Xaa_{14}, Xaa_{15}, Xaa_{16}, Xaa_{17}, Xaa_{19}, Xaa_{20}, Xaa_{21}, Xaa_{24}, Xaa_{25}, and Xaa_{26} are Ala. Also within the scope of the present invention are pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound of formula (II) and pharmaceutical compositions including said compounds and salts thereof.

Please **delete** the paragraphs beginning at the top of page 15 following the heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION," and ending on the bottom of page 16 prior to the paragraph beginning with "Preferred N-alkyl groups for N-alkylglycine," and **replace** them with the following paragraphs:

According to the present invention, provided are compounds of the formula (I) [SEQ. ID. NO. 4]:

Xaa_1 Xaa_2 Xaa_3 Gly Xaa_5 Xaa_6 Xaa_7 Xaa_8 Xaa_9 Xaa_{10}

Xaa_{11} Xaa_{12} Xaa_{13} Xaa_{14} Xaa_{15} Xaa_{16} Xaa_{17} Ala Xaa_{19} Xaa_{20}

Xaa_{21} Xaa_{22} Xaa_{23} Xaa_{24} Xaa_{25} Xaa_{26} Xaa_{27} Xaa_{28}-Z_1;

wherein

Xaa_1 is His, Arg or Tyr;

Xaa_2 is Ser, Gly, Ala or Thr;

Xaa_3 is **Ala,** Asp or Glu;

Xaa_5 is Ala or Thr;

Xaa_6 is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_7 is Thr or Ser;

Xaa_8 is Ala, Ser or Thr;

Xaa_9 is Asp or Glu;

Xaa_{10} is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, pentylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{11} is Ala or Ser;

Xaa_{12} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{13} is Ala or Gln;

Xaa_{14} is Ala, Leu, Ile, pentylglycine, Val or Met;

Xaa_{15} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{16} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{17} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{19} is Ala or Val;

Xaa_{20} is Ala or Arg;

Xaa_{21} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{22} is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{23} is Ile, Val, Leu, pentylglycine, tert-butylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{24} is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa_{25} is Ala, Trp, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{26} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{27} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{28} is Ala or Asn;

Z_1 is-OH,

$-NH_2$

Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31}-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 75)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 76)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 77)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36}-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 78)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37}-Z_2 or **(SEQ ID NO: 79)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37} Xaa_{38}-Z_2; **(SEQ ID NO: 80)**

Xaa_{31}, Xaa_{36}, Xaa_{37} and Xaa_{38} are independently Pro,homoproline, 3Hyp, 4Hyp, thioproline, N-alkylglycine, N-alkylpentylglycine or N-alkylalanine; and

Z_2 is -OH or -NH_2;

provided that no more than three of Xaa_3, Xaa_5, Xaa_6, Xaa_8, Xaa_{10}, Xaa_{11}, Xaa_{12}, Xaa_{13}, Xaa_{14}, Xaa_{15}, Xaa_{16}, Xaa_{17}, Xaa_{19}, Xaa_{20}, Xaa_{21}, Xaa_{24}, Xaa_{25}, Xaa_{26}, Xaa_{27} and Xaa_{28} are Ala. Also within the scope of the present invention are pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of formula (I) and pharmaceutical compositions including said compounds and salts thereof.

Please **delete** the paragraph bridging pages 17 and 18, and **replace** it with the following paragraph

According to an especially preferred aspect, especially preferred compounds include those of formula (I) wherein: Xaa_1 is His or Arg; Xaa_2 is Gly or Ala; Xaa_3 is Asp or Glu; Xaa_5 is Ala or Thr; Xaa_6 is Ala, Phe or nephthylalaine; Xaa_7 is Thr or Ser; Xaa_8 is Ala, Ser or Thr; Xaa_9 is Asp or Glu; Xaa_{10} is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine; Xaa_{11} is Ala or Ser; Xaa_{12} is Ala or Lys; Xaa_{13} is Ala or Gln; Xaa_{14} is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine; Xaa_{15} is Ala or Glu; Xaa_{16} is Ala or Glu; Xaa_{17} is Ala or Glu; Xaa_{19} is Ala or Val; Xaa_{20} is Ala or Arg; Xaa_{21} is Ala or Leu; Xaa_{22} is Phe or naphthylalanine; Xaa_{23} is Ile, Val or tert-butylglycine; Xaa_{24} is Ala, Glu or Asp; Xaa_{25} is Ala, Trp or Phe; Xaa_{26} is Ala or Leu; Xaa_{27} is Ala or Lys; Xaa_{28} is Ala or Asn; Z_1 is -OH, -NH_2, Gly-Z_2, Gly Gly-Z_2, Gly Gly Xaa_{31}-Z_2, Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser-Z_2, Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 81)**, Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 82)**, Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 83)**, Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36}-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 84)**, Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37}-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 85)**, Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37} Xaa_{38}-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 86)**; Xaa_{31}, Xaa_{36}, Xaa_{37} and Xaa_{38} being

independently Pro, homoproline, thioproline or N-methylalanine; and Z_2 being -OH or -NH_2; provided that no more than three of Xaa_3, Xaa_5, Xaa_6, Xaa_8, Xaa_{10}, Xaa_{11}, Xaa_{12}, Xaa_{13}, Xaa_{14}, Xaa_{15}, Xaa_{16}, Xaa_{17}, Xaa_{19}, Xaa_{20}, Xaa_{21}, Xaa_{24}, Xaa_{25}, Xaa_{26}, Xaa_{27} and Xaa_{28} are Ala. Especially preferred compounds include those having an amino acid sequence of SEQ. ID. NOS. 6-27 (Compounds 2-23)

Please **delete** the paragraphs beginning at the bottom of page 18 following the paragraph ending with "as well as during synthesis of the compound," and ending on page 22 prior to the paragraph beginning with "Preferred exendin agonist compounds of formula (II) include those wherein," and **replace** it with the following paragraphs:

Also within the scope of the present invention are narrower genera of compounds having peptides of various lengths, for example genera of compounds which do not include peptides having a length of 28, 29 or 30 amino acid residues, respectively. Additionally, the present invention includes narrower genera of compounds having particular amino acid sequences, for example, compounds of the formula (I-**A**) [SEQ. ID. NO. **[[4]] 87**]:

Xaa_1 Xaa_2 Xaa_3 Gly Xaa_5 Xaa_6 Xaa_7 Xaa_8 Xaa_9 Xaa_{10}

Xaa_{11} Xaa_{12} Xaa_{13} Xaa_{14} Xaa_{15} Xaa_{16} Xaa_{17} Ala Xaa_{19}

Xaa_{20} Xaa_{21} Xaa_{22} Xaa_{23} Xaa_{24} Xaa_{25} Xaa_{26} Xaa_{27} Xaa_{28}-Z_1;

wherein:

Xaa_1 is His or Arg;

Xaa_2 is Gly or Ala;

Xaa_3 is **Ala,** Asp or Glu;

Xaa_5 is Ala or Thr;

Xaa_6 is Ala, Phe or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_7 is Thr or Ser;

Xaa_8 is Ala, Ser or Thr;

Xaa_9 is Asp or Glu;

Xaa_{10} is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine;

Xaa_{11} is Ala or Ser;

Xaa_{12} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{13} is Ala or Gln;

Xaa_{14} is Ala, Leu or pentylglycine;

Xaa_{15} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{16} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{17} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{19} is Ala or Val;

Xaa_{20} is Ala or Arg;

Xaa_{21} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{22} is Phe or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{23} is Ile, Val or tert-butylglycine;

Xaa_{24} is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa_{25} is Ala, Trp, or Phe;

Xaa_{26} is Ala or Leu;

Xaa_{27} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{28} is Ala or Asn;

Z_1 is -OH,

$-NH_2$,

Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly -Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31}-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 81)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 82)**

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Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36}-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 84)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37}-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 85)** or

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37} Xaa_{38}-Z_2; **(SEQ ID NO: 86)**

Xaa_{31}, Xaa_{36}, Xaa_{37} and Xaa_{38} are independently selected from the group consisting of Pro, homoproline, thioproline and N-methylylalanine; and

Z_2 is -OH or $-NH_2$;

provided that no more than three of Xaa_3, Xaa_5, Xaa_6, Xaa_8, Xaa_{10}, Xaa_{11}, Xaa_{12}, Xaa_{13}, Xaa_{14}, Xaa_{15}, Xaa_{16}, Xaa_{17}, Xaa_{19}, Xaa_{20}, Xaa_{21}, Xaa_{24}, Xaa_{25}, Xaa_{26}, Xaa_{27} and Xaa_{28} are Ala; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Also provided are compounds of the formula (II) [SEQ. ID. NO. 66]:

Xaa_1 Xaa_2 Xaa_3 Gly Xaa_5 Xaa_6 Xaa_7 Xaa_8 Xaa_9 Xaa_{10}

Xaa_{11} Xaa_{12} Xaa_{13} Xaa_{14} Xaa_{15} Xaa_{16} Xaa_{17} Ala Xaa_{19} Xaa_{20}

Xaa_{21} Xaa_{22} Xaa_{23} Xaa_{24} Xaa_{25} Xaa_{26} X_1 -Z_1;

wherein

Xaa_1 is His, Arg or Tyr or 4-imidazopropionyl;

Xaa_2 is Ser, Gly, Ala or Thr;

Xaa_3 is **Ala,** Asp or Glu;

Xaa_5 is Ala or Thr;

Xaa_6 is Ala, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_7 is Thr or Ser;

Xaa_8 is Ala, Ser or Thr;

Xaa_9 is Asp or Glu;

Xaa_{10} is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, pentylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{11} is Ala or Ser;

Xaa_{12} is Ala or Lys;

Xaa_{13} is Ala or Gln;

Xaa_{14} is Ala, Leu, Ile, pentylglycine, Val or Met;

Xaa_{15} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{16} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{17} is Ala or Glu;

Xaa_{19} is Ala or Val;

Xaa_{20} is Ala or Arg;

Xaa_{21} is Ala, Leu or Lys-NH^{ε}-R where R is Lys, Arg, C_1-C_{10} straight chain or branched alkanoyl or cycloalkylalkanoyl;

Xaa_{22} is Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{23} is Ile, Val, Leu, pentylglycine, tert-butylglycine or Met;

Xaa_{24} is Ala, Glu or Asp;

Xaa_{25} is Ala, Trp, Phe, Tyr or naphthylalanine;

Xaa_{26} is Ala or Leu;

X_1 is Lys Asn, Asn Lys, Lys-NH^{ε}-R Asn, Asn Lys-NH^{ε}-R, Lys-NH^{ε}-R Ala, Ala Lys-NH^{ε}-R where R is Lys, Arg, C_1-C_{10} straight chain or branched alkanoyl or cycloalkylalkanoyl

Z_1 is -OH,

-NH_2,

Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31}-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser-Z_2,

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 75)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 76)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 77)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36}-Z_2, **(SEQ ID NO: 78)**

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37}-Z_2 **(SEQ ID NO: 79)** or

Gly Gly Xaa_{31} Ser Ser Gly Ala Xaa_{36} Xaa_{37} Xaa_{38}-Z_2; **(SEQ ID NO: 80)**

Xaa_{31}, Xaa_{36}, Xaa_{37} and Xaa_{38} are independently selected from the group consisting of Pro, homoproline, 3Hyp, 4Hyp, thioproline, N-alkylglycine, N-alkylpentylglycine and N-alkylalanine; and

Z_2 is -OH or -NH_2;

provided that no more than three of Xaa_3, Xaa_5, Xaa_6, Xaa_8, Xaa_{10}, Xaa_{11}, Xaa_{12}, Xaa_{13}, Xaa_{14}, Xaa_{15}, Xaa_{16}, Xaa_{17}, Xaa_{19}, Xaa_{20}, Xaa_{21}, Xaa_{24}, Xaa_{25}, and Xaa_{26} are Ala. Also within the scope of the present invention are pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compound of formula (II) and pharmaceutical compositions including said compounds and salts thereof.